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For: PLEIOTROPHIN GROWTH FACTOR
RECEPTOR FOR THE TREATMENT OF
PROLIFERATIVE, VASCULAR AND
NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Examiner: Kolker, Daniel E.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action, mailed January 13, 2006, in connection with the above-referenced application. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on May 15, 2006, which was received by the Office on May 18, 2006. Accordingly, the two-month period for Applicant to file an appeal brief ends on July 18, 2006, which is extendible for additional five months with a fee. Thus, Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time to file this amendment with the Request for Continued Examination and submits the requisite fee herewith.

Please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

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